

11/23/68

Dear Phil,

Thanks for the candor of your note of 11/9/ Delay in answering is because I was away, speaking, investigating, blowing minds and turning people on in what is perhaps the most fantastic of my trips. It lasted a full month, took me to several new cities and the old ones (Dallas for the first time), put me in touch with officials generally thought to be "on the other side", and with an assortment of other people, including missing witnesses, some who forgot their testimony after five years (and told the truth this time), etc. It was quite wild, but what a stack awaits me!

This is one time I think I'll just have to let some of the notes go, and how I hate to do that. I just cannot get out from under, after a week. I expect to have to leave again in a week or so. Meanwhile, no writing. I've two completed ms to go over. And how I itch to get the rest on paper, especially as I feel the fatigue more. Perhaps it is because I've finally taken off most of the excess weight, about 30 lbs. My few good pants cannot be taken in because the hip pockets would touch!

I cannot go into all the exciting things, so I'll share this one: the man who presents himself as a public benefactor, says he gave away the \$25,000 LIFE gave him, Zapruder, who took the movies, is the man of all those I've met with least concern for truth, reality or genuine response, improvises childish lies and evasions and is indignant when each puerility is greeted with skepticism, all because he sold the right to suppress his movie, for which he had gotten, a year ago, a half-million dollars.

A real human bein', huh?

Didn't have time to see any of those you know when I was in N.O. this trip, and heard nothing of any of them. Unless you know Cora and Jesse Core, with whom I had several pleasant visits.

Best to you both.

Sincerely,